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▶ Rembrandt's "Head of Christ" is on view at the PMA's new exhibit starting tomorrow.

Familiar face at PMA's new exhibit

Although similar images of Jesus Christ can now be found everywhere from Rome to Urban Outfitters, Rembrandt's depiction of a very much mortal Jewish man wasn't always the norm. Opening tomorrow at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, "Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus" puts the artist's work in context. {page 10}

City courts want to be friends on Facebook

- Swamped justice system will use social media to remind people of court dates
- One of many reforms planned
- Report: More improvements needed {page 02}

Television

Hawke on 'Moby Dick' at TCA

- New mini-series features Ethan Hawke as Starbuck {page 11}

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Nutter, downtown leaders tackle mobs

Mayor Michael Nutter said yesterday the city is developing a new plan to proactively combat Center City's worrisome random mob attacks and local proprietors are ready to jump on board by offering both manpower and input.

"Our community service representatives work very closely with the police, and as the city is going to announce its own increased deployment plan, we are very much a part of that," Center City District President Paul Levy said. "We will be increasing our deployment and communications network as well."

Nutter plans to forge an interdisciplinary response between police, city departments, youth outreach programs, business owners and community members.

"There's a lot of creative minds in this city and I'm sure they can come up with some solution," said Ben Frank, Executive Director of the Center City Proprietor's Organization.

The city's plan will also likely include stepped-up enforcement and prosecution. The exact details will be announced next week.

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▶ Nutter will crack down.

Facebook update: You're up in court

- Social media will become new tool for city's swamped criminal justice
- Supreme Court's 'gadget guy' has big plans for organizing court system

Don't be surprised if you get a friend request from Philadelphia's First Judicial District Court — the city's antiquated legal system is embracing social media.

"The Supreme Court calls me 'gadget guy,'" said Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Seamus McCaffery, who along with Chief Justice Ronald Castille released an interim report yesterday on an initiative that is making sweeping changes to Philadelphia's First Judicial District.

"A lot of folks live and breathe on their cell phones or smart phones, and we want to make the court system a more user friendly service."

This includes using Facebook and text messaging to remind offenders of court dates. "For a lot of people, it's not that they don't want to show up to their court dates. In life, things happen," McCaffery said. "By using social media, if someone loses their subpoena, they can still know when and where to go."

McCaffery also hopes to use the court's website to foster more transparency. "Citizens should know what's going on and what our goals are," he said. "I don't want them to think [the judicial system] is a huge black hole."

Increased technology will also benefit witnesses, as cameras will be mounted in every courtroom, capturing spectators who often attempt to intimidate by taking pictures or filming testimony on cell phones. "Anyone who holds up a phone will be caught on camera, stopped and asked to give a reasonable explanation," McCaffery said.

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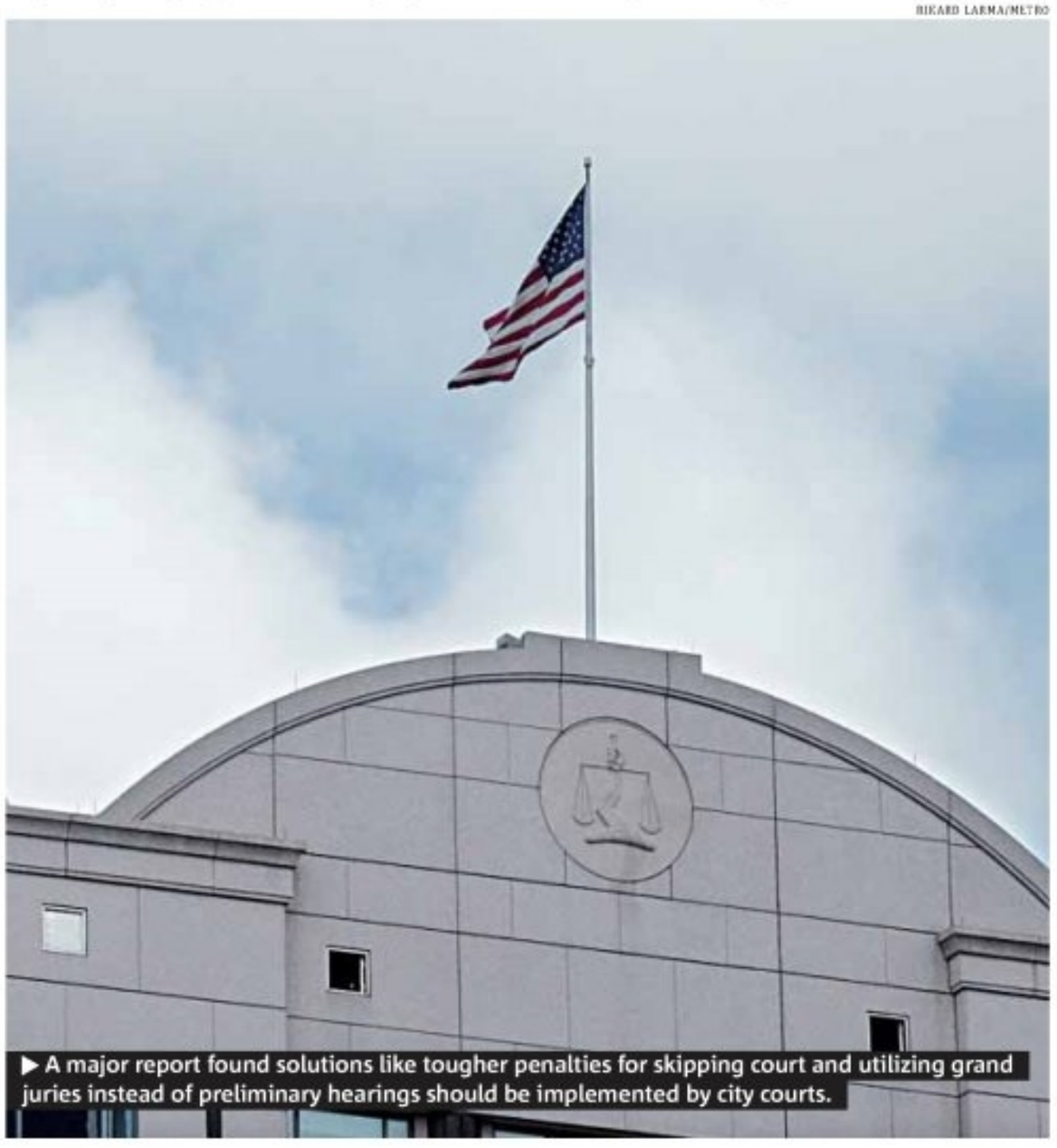

▶ A major report found solutions like tougher penalties for skipping court and utilizing grand juries instead of preliminary hearings should be implemented by city courts.

"Citizens should know what's going on and what our goals are."
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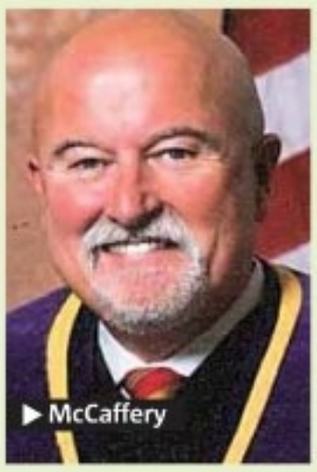

▶ McCaffery

Courts' crucial next step

The report released yesterday outlines gains made by the First Judicial District Reform Initiative over the past 18 months in what legislators are calling "phase one" of the plan.

"Phase two" of the initiative, which will begin in September, includes flight-risk-based-assessments of defendants and a possible hybrid bail system incorporating cash bail using private bail companies, as well as non-monetary bonds. METRO/AW

Key points

- **Reformed** Municipal Court hearing and case processing practices
- **Tougher** penalties for those who fail to appear for court dates
- **The use of** indicting grand juries instead of preliminary hearings in certain cases to spare witnesses the risk of publicly testifying
- **Standardized** data entry practices and increased information sharing

In the news

Revenge of the geeks

The Academy of Natural Sciences and local blog Geekadelphia are hosting the first Academy Awards-style ceremony celebrating the city's "geek" scene. The Philadelphia Geek Awards will be Aug. 19. For more details, go to www.phillygeekawards.com.

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Yards brewing green beer all year 'round

Philly's reigning 'green business of year' just moved to alternative energy Pays 5 percent more for wind

Yards doesn't just make green beer on Saint Patrick's Day like so many other breweries.

As the self-proclaimed greenest beermaker in Pennsylvania, the city brewery backed it up two weeks ago when they signed up with an alternative energy company to pay extra for wind energy.

"We buy wind credits, so all the kilowatts we used PECO needs to outsource as a wind source coming into the grid," Yards founder Tom Kehoe said. "This forces them to buy more wind power and invest in windmills, like those in Summerton, Pa."

"We're big consumers and we leave a big carbon footprint. We want to give back everything we can for that."
YARDS FOUNDER TOM KEHOE

Harry Warren of Washington Gas Energy Services, which provides the wind energy, said Yards' move is equivalent to taking 91 cars off the road.

David Masur of Penn Environment said Yards' move to 100 percent alternative energy pushes it near the front of the pack.

"Unfortunately, politicians are not hammering out laws for sustainability or making it easier and more affordable," Masur said.

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Organic?

No thanks

Despite their green credentials, Yards does not use organic ingredients. Kehoe explained that consistency is necessary while brewing, and organic foods generally don't fit the bill.

- **"With all the suppliers** in the Pacific Northwest, you have one that's organic. Guess where all the bugs are?" Kehoe said of infestation problems often associated with organic farms.
- **Both** organic growers and organic beer exist, but Kehoe said brewing consistency is a higher priority for Yards than buying organic.

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▶ Yards owner Tom Kehoe, left, enjoys his green beer.

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With a day to spare, debt-limit deal done

After a day of hard politicking, representatives approved a deal to raise the government's borrowing limit above $14.2T Wounded Gabrielle Giffords returned to vote for the settlement

TOM WILLIAMS/ROLL CALL

▶ Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, flanked by her husband Mark Kelly and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, arrives to the Capitol yesterday to vote on the debt limit bill in the House.

The House of Representatives last night approved an 11th-hour deal to raise the borrowing limit, clearing the biggest hurdle to averting a potentially catastrophic debt default.

The passage by 269 votes to 161 by the Republican-controlled House paved the way for the approval in the Senate of a $2.1 trillion deficit-cutting plan hammered out over the weekend.

The Democratic-led Senate was expected to vote on the plan today.

Financial markets worldwide have been rattled by uncertainty over whether the compromise plan could pass the House in the face of objections from conservative Tea Party Republicans and from liberal Democrats.

The deal to raise the U.S. government's $14.3 trillion borrowing limit removed the risk of the United States not being able to borrow money to pay all of its bills.

A debt default by the world's largest economy would send shockwaves through the international economic system.

In the hours leading up to the House vote, Republican and Democratic leaders worked furiously to sell their rank-and-file on a deal reached with President Barack Obama in a bid to end an acrimonious impasse that has undermined Americans' faith in their political institutions and hurt America's image abroad.

But fears remained that the United States could still be hit by a damaging credit ratings downgrade, which would raise U.S. borrowing costs, threatening a fragile economic recovery and rattling global investors.

The compromise plan calls for spending cuts over 10 years but no new taxes, creates a powerful new congressional committee to recommend a deficit-reduction package by late November and raises the U.S. borrowing limit into 2013.

It was hard to identify winners in a fight that finally moved towards a conclusion after a compromise agreement reached on Sunday. REUTERS

"They are living like parasites off the global economy and their monopoly of the dollar."

RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN ACCUSING THE US OF LIVING BEYOND ITS MEANS

Details of raid on bin Laden

▶ Osama bin Laden

This week's New Yorker magazine presents an extensive account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

The report said the SEAL team practiced on fake compounds in North Carolina and Nevada and pulled a Pakistani-American translator from his desk job to participate in the mission. The actual raid proceeded almost like a video game, with bin Laden's associates attacking the team one-by-one in increasing orders of danger. But the actual confrontation with bin Laden was anti-climactic. METRO

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Rhode Island city bankrupt

CENTRAL FALLS, R.I. Central Falls, R.I., filed for a rare Chapter 9 bankruptcy yesterday. It's a risky and potentially expensive move that could freeze the city out of the municipal bond market.

The smallest city in the smallest state is grappling with an $80 million liability that is nearly quadruple its annual budget of $17 million. REUTERS

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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(12,132.49)

Nasdaq
– 5.34
(1,286.94)

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– 11.77
(2,744.61)

▶ Light, sweet crude oil
$94.89 (– 0.85%)

▶ Gold contracts
$1615.00 (– 0.10%)

Wall Street cuts losses

NEW YORK. The S&P 500 fell for a sixth day yesterday as time runs out for the government to pass a deal to avoid default and the economy showed further signs of stalling.

"It's an on-again, off-again market, and it reflects the on-again, off-again nature of these debt ceiling deliberations," said Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer of Hugh Johnson Advisors LLC in Albany, N.Y. REUTERS

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▶ Franklin

Death sought for serial killer

LOS ANGELES. Prosecutors will seek the death penalty against a retired sanitation worker and mechanic accused of being a serial killer dubbed the "Grim Sleeper."

The announcement came during a pre-trial hearing for Lonnie David Franklin Jr., 58, who was indicted in March on 10 counts of murder and one count of attempted murder in the sensational case.

A Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney said prosecutors would ask a jury to recommend a death sentence for Franklin if he is convicted. REUTERS

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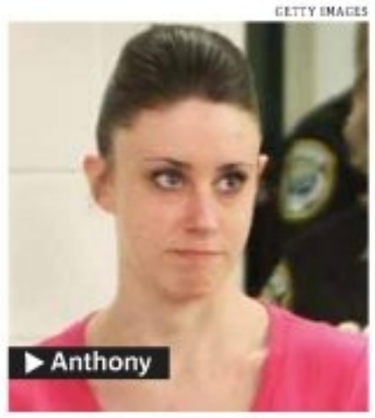

▶ Anthony

Anthony to serve probation

ORLANDO. Casey Anthony will be required to serve a year of probation for check fraud charges in light of a clarification made yesterday by the judge presiding over that case.

It is not known whether Anthony will be required to report for probation in Orlando, but the supervision will begin this week.

"The judge has sent a corrected order. She will be on probation after all," said Florida Department of Corrections spokeswoman Jo Ellyn Rackleff. "We haven't determined exactly when or where, but it will be within 72 hours." REUTERS

Most Euro men are related to King Tut

DNA testing reveals strange genetic link among Europeans ◗ Oddly, most Egyptians not in the family

Up to 70 percent of British men and half of all Western European men are related to the Egyptian Pharaoh Tutankhamun, geneticists in Switzerland said.

Scientists at Zurich-based DNA genealogy center iGENEA reconstructed the DNA profile of the boy Pharaoh, who ascended the throne at the age of 9. The results showed that King Tut belonged to a genetic profile group, known as haplogroup R1b1a2, to which more than 50 percent of all men in Western Europe belong, indicating

that they share a common ancestor.

Among modern-day Egyptians this haplogroup contingent is below 1 percent, according to iGENEA.

Around 70 percent of Spanish and 60 percent of French men also belong to the genetic group of the Pharaoh who ruled Egypt more than 3,000 years ago.

"We think the common ancestor lived in the Caucasus about 9,500 years ago," Scholz told Reuters.

It is estimated that the earliest migration of haplogroup R1b1a2 into Europe began with the spread of agriculture in 7,000 B.C., according to iGENEA. However, geneticists are not sure how Tutankhamun's lineage came to Egypt. REUTERS

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Climate change. Himalayas

▶ Himalayan glaciers provide water for more than a billion people.

Global warming? Ask the glaciers

Three Himalaya glaciers have been shrinking over the last 40 years and two of them may disappear in time to come, researchers in Japan said yesterday. Using global positioning system and simulation models, they found that the shrinkage of two of the glaciers had accelerated in the past 10 years compared with the 1970s and 1980s. REUTERS

Pregnant moms may help babies with fatty acids

NEW YORK. Giving pregnant moms omega-3 fatty acid supplements might help prevent infection in their infants, suggests new research. REUTERS

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Today, Jerry Seinfeld is bothered by human biology, Ellen Page isn't doing too well, Jonah Hill isn't buying it and Elizabeth Banks is getting to know her temporary home.

▶ **@JerrySeinfeld**
All your facial features are on the lower bottom half of your head. Disturbing.

▶ **@EllenPage**
i feel insane right now. like ashley judd in the movie about the bugs

▶ **@JonahHill**
I bet if you asked Jay-Z to list his 99 problems he'd get stuck at around 4.

▶ **@ElizabethBanks**
Dear Atlanta, I'm totally into you. Let's date for a while. Have some fun. Where should we go? smooches!

Banks

Art-lovers before they were celebrities

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▶ What a family! Russell Simmons, Ming Lee Simmons, Kimora Lee, Kenzo Lee Hounsou, Djimon Hounsou and Aoki Lee Simmons attend the 12th annual Art for Life benefit on Saturday.

The tony summer benefits held in that rarified enclave for the truly wealthy (and those who are just pretending) known as the Hamptons are now in full swing. This weekend's big fete? A benefit for Art for Life, which was founded by brothers **Russell**, **Danny** and **Joseph "Rev. Run" Simmons** in 1995 to provide urban youth with access to the arts. So we asked the bold-faced names in attendance (which included **Edward Norton**, **Melissa George**, **Gayle King**, **Mary J. Blige**, **Taraji P. Henson** and **Soledad O'Brien**): How did you express yourself creatively when you were a kid?

Ed Norton:

I got turned on to theater very early. When I was very young, I had a theater teacher who was hugely inspirational to me — actually I still talk and get notes from them. I was 5 or 6 years old when I was first on stage. I didn't know [that I wanted to be an actor] for a long, long time, but I was always a fan.

— With additional reporting by Jeryl Brunner

Taraji P. Henson:

I would entertain my family and they would egg me on. They would sit on the sofa and say, "Go TJ!" And I could do anything: Cheer, a poem, recite lines from a movie that we had just seen. They were my audience.

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Melissa George:

I was an artistic roller-skating champion. Wide skates. Four wheels. Costumes. I competed around the world. That was my passion. When I was four, I got a pair of skates for Christmas. I loved the fact that I had all these wheels under my feet and I could do all these tricks. I had routines. I was doing axels, salchows and double jumps. I was very proud of all the routines.

Russell Simmons:

I think music. Dance. I produced records when I was a kid. Before that, I liked to paint a lot.

Soledad O'Brien:

It is a little-known fact, but I was quite a accomplished flautist. I played flute and piccolo in the marching band from fourth grade until I graduated from high school. I was inspired to play the flute because I have a lot of brothers and sisters, and they all played the piano. I didn't want to play the piano. I can still play "Bolero."

Talking points

Mama Winehouse?

Before her death last week, **Amy Winehouse** was reportedly in the process of adopting a 10-year-old girl from St. Lucia, where she'd spent much of 2009, according to the Daily Mirror. "Amy was already my mother," the girl, Dannika Augustine, says. "I would call her Mum, and she would call me her daughter. She took care of me, and we had fun together. I loved her, and she loved me."

Charlie Sheen overseas

Charlie Sheen has reportedly signed a deal to appear on "Celebrity Big Brother" in the U.K., according to the Daily Star. A source says Sheen will be flying to England in the next two weeks for filming after inking a $9.8 million deal.

A 'Twilight' twosome

"Twilight" co-stars **Kellan Lutz** and **Ashley Greene** are reportedly looking to save some money by sharing a New York apartment. "We are talking about maybe trying to find a two-bedroom," Greene tells Hollyscoop of the pair's plans. Greene already wants to set some boundaries. "I think the rule is don't bring anybody home, ever," she says.

Rodriguez and Diaz still on

Despite breakup rumors, relations appear fine between **Alex Rodriguez** and **Cameron Diaz**, according to People magazine. Sources spotted the pair dining out in Miami over the weekend to celebrate the Yankee slugger's 36th birthday after cruising around the area on a yacht.

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Your first 'Batman' pic and other super sights

1: Christian Bale as the caped crusader in a scene with Tom Hardy, playing Bane, during the filming of the new "Batman: Dark Knight Rises" at the Mellon Institute building in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

2: Actor Hugh Jackman is sighted on the Club 55 beach in St. Tropez, France on Sunday.

3: Jill Scott performs at DTE Energy Center on Saturday in Clarkston, Mich.

4: Pamela Anderson celebrates her birthday (we're not saying which one) Saturday at Chateau Nightclub and Gardens at Paris Las Vegas.

5: A very pregnant Jessica Alba arrives Sunday at the Los Angeles premiere of "Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 4D."

6: Actor Rupert Grint shows his admiration for friend Tom Felton last week at the "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" premiere at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles.

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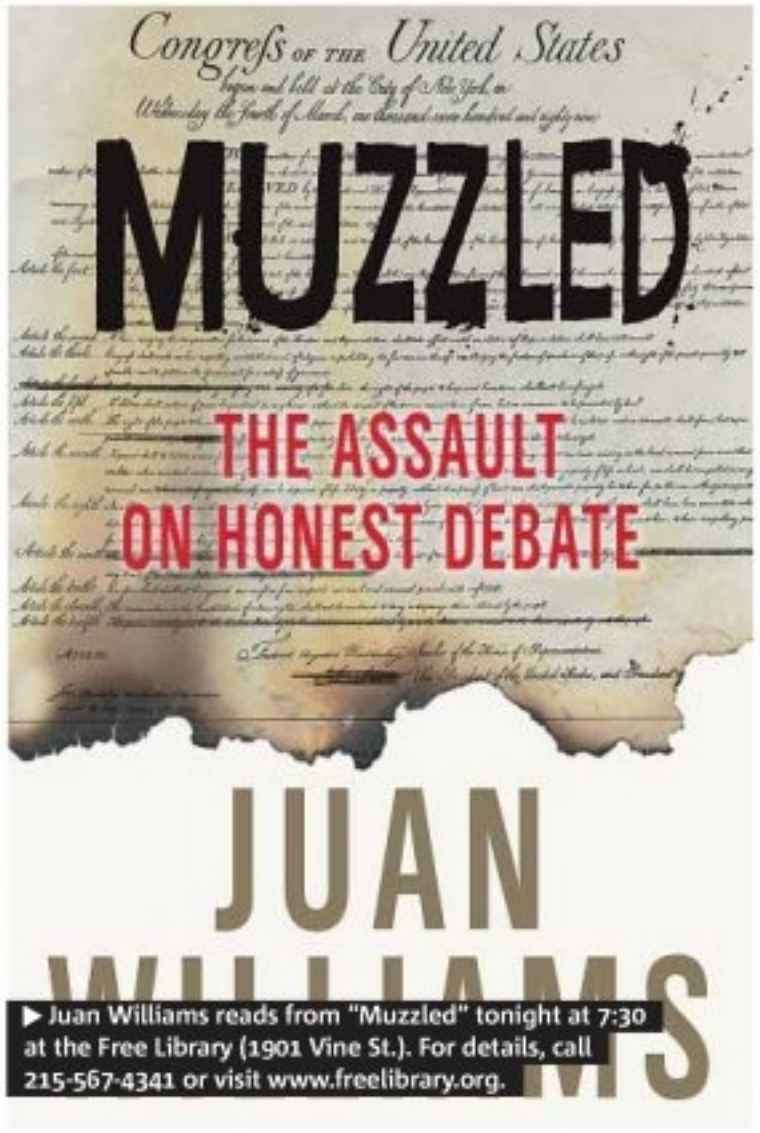

▶ Juan Williams reads from "Muzzled" tonight at 7:30 at the Free Library (1901 Vine St.). For details, call 215-567-4341 or visit www.freelibrary.org.

Juan Williams' battle for an 'Honest Debate'

Eight months after being fired from NPR over his comments about people in 'Muslim garb,' the commentator is back in the public eye with his new book 'Muzzled' How political correctness stifles good solutions

It's always unnerving for a journalist to cross the boundary between covering a story and becoming a story. Fox News analyst Juan Williams found himself in that position in October 2010, following controversial comments he made on "The O'Reilly Factor."

"I remember coming out of my hotel room and seeing my face on the cover of the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal and USA Today," Williams says. "I was thinking, 'What did I do? Did I kill somebody?'"

▶ Williams

What he did was to admit feeling nervous when he saw people dressed in Muslim garb at airports in the aftermath of 9/11. Despite going on to say that no one, regardless of religion, should be discriminated against, it was that comment that made headlines and led to his being fired from NPR. That experience serves as the basis for his new book, "Muzzled: The Assault on Honest Debate."

The book traces the stifling effect of political correctness and the insistence on clinging to extreme positions by figures on both the left and the right. "The middle has to reassert itself," he offers as a solution. "People have to say, 'I'm not afraid to speak my mind. I'm not going to be intimidated or bullied by those who tell me to stand in line and obey their orthodoxy.' Honest debate is the first step toward honest ideas and good solutions for the betterment of our country."

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▶ "The Supper at Emmaus," 1648

An about face: Rembrandt's controversial images of Christ

Now on view at the Art Museum, the artist's portraits of Jesus were a departure from more idealized depictions

Three and a half centuries after their creation, the faces of Jesus painted by Rembrandt van Rijn look beautiful, reverent, loving — anything but controversial. But when he painted these seven portraits — reunited for the first time since an inventory of the artist's studio in 1656 for the Art Museum's new show, "Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus" — Rembrandt was embarking on a drastic departure from then-standard images of Christ.

"Rembrandt was going against traditions of depicting Jesus as a Greek god, an idealized figure," explained curator Lloyd DeWitt during a tour of the exhibition. "He invented a truly human Jesus, using a living model that looked Jewish. It was a gesture of enormous radical import."

The show, making its first U.S. stop in Philly after a successful run at the Louvre, includes examples of the idealized images from which Rembrandt's more relatable Jesus emerged. The first Rembrandt exhibit in the city since 1936, it includes 22 paintings, 17 drawings and nine prints by Rembrandt, his predecessors and his students.

▶ "Head of Christ," 1648-56

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But the centerpiece is undeniably the masterpiece "The Supper at Emmaus," seen here for the first time since 1936, newly restored by the Louvre, and the septet of small oil studies of the face of Jesus that DeWitt calls "humble sketches full of power and grace."

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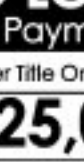

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Hawke tackling another classic tale

Ethan Hawke's career reads like the syllabus of a high school English class — "Great Expectations," "Hamlet" and "White Fang" all make the list of classic novel adaptations he's helped bring to life on-screen. And in a way, that's exactly why the actor took the role of Starbuck in Encore's new miniseries, "Moby Dick," airing Monday and Tuesday at 8 p.m.

"It's great material," he shrugged while promoting the project at the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Friday. "I also felt like it was time to be done again. It's a great story that kind of needs to be told, and the script is really great. Nigel [Williams] wrote a wonderful script. He figured out a way to tell the story that felt fresh to me, and I was happy to be part of it."

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▶ Ethan Hawke stars as Starbuck in "Moby Dick," part two of which airs tonight at 8 p.m. on Encore.

Williams' version of the story spends time with Captain Ahab (William Hurt) off the Pequod, delving into the home life of the revenge-seeking whaler and bringing his wife (Gillian Anderson) into the picture to attempt to humanize the character.

"I think what we've tried to do is to put in more of the novel," Williams says. "This is a colossal, colossal book in which there [are] recipes for clam chowder, [details on] how to drain a whale of blood. There is the passion of seafaring. So there's always another element that you can get into a version of this novel."

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A good conflict

Hawke admits that he loves playing the bad guy "because you never know what they're going to do." But taking the role of Starbuck, one of the "good guys," presented him with plenty of conflict to play up.

"What is fascinating about Starbuck, who is kind of a moral figure in the book, is he really doesn't do the right thing," Hawke says. "It's his own innate goodness, so to speak, that prevents him from doing the just thing, which is so complex and wonderful."

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Kate Spade puckers up, Nars helps you look smokin' and Maybelline's Great Lash mascara turns 40!

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1 We love Kate Spade's cute packaging and witty design. And now the brand has partnered with beauty maven Poppy King of Lipstick Queen for an exclusive line of lip shades that, of course, come bottled in the chicest gold tubes with the flirty message "pucker up" written on the side. You'll need all the frills you can get, as the lipsticks — which range in shades from pinks to reds and contain shea butter, coconut oil and vitamin E to moisturize your pout — are a steep $24. **Kate Spade Supercalifragilipstick! Available in September at www.katespade.com**

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Which side can you trust?

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Cynical take on the news

Apparently, the story about the Playboy Mansion is more importnat than the story about the U.S. soldier (Muslim) who was caught red-handed with weapons trying a second massacre in Fort Hood. You didn't publish it and let me guess why: since you reported we'd double our security to protect mosques against "attacks" during Ramadan. **NENCY MULLER, VIA E-MAIL**

The power is in our own hands

We voted you all into office and we can just as easily vote you out! What's going to happen to people who have only Social Security to live on, and the disabled veteran and common person on disability? **JUDITH FLAIL, PHILADELPHIA**

Atheists lack consistency

So atheists are complaining about a cross near Ground Zero. That's kind of funny, because they talk about "separation of church and state" — but support integration of mosque and state. They'll sue over student-run Bible clubs and nativity scenes, but are completely silent when it comes to mandatory Koran reading in schools or taxpayer-funded footbaths. If you're gonna call yourself an atheist or nonreligious, be consistent. **ROCCO LORE, VIA E-MAIL**

Our wealth is now the banks'

The Fed loaned $16 trillion of our money to its owner member banks within the past few years, so they can buy up the cheap assets from the crash they created. These banks aren't too big to fail; they are too evil to let live. **CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, VIA E-MAIL**

Tea Party has broken its vow

The U.S. deficit is the result of the Bush tax cuts. Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the power to levy and collect taxes. By preventing this function, the "Tea Party" members of Congress are in violation of the oath they took to uphold the Constitution. **PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA**

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♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Listen to all advice being offered, but give more credence to your own interpretations about financial dealings than anyone else's. That way, you won't concede anything vital.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Positive thinking is the element that can tip the scales in your favor. If you honestly believe you can do something difficult, you'll make it happen.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you're contemplating taking on a complicated, ambitious undertaking, keep it to yourself. Don't discuss your ideas or plans until you have proven that they'll work.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Loyal, long-term relationships are much too valuable to be ignored. If you're planning any special arrangements, make sure old friends are included.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** The fulfillment of your personal goals might be vital to you, but try to make room to include others in your social plans. Don't allow self-serving interests to completely bar the door.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** What you are trying to teach youngsters is extremely important, especially if you're hoping to explain the importance of looking for the good in people instead of only their faults.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** If you keep your focus on the type of end results you desire, it will help you avoid obstacles and stay on course should things start to heat up.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** That cooperation you so badly need from an associate can be acquired if you're brave enough to give the person all of the facts. That's when he or she will believe in you.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If you concentrate your efforts in an area where material rewards are truly possible and you're prepared to work hard, you stand a good chance of achieving your goals.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because your natural leadership abilities are likely to be far more evident than those of your peers, don't be surprised if you find yourself being thrust into a role of power.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Something in which you find yourself involved has better than average chances of achieving success. However, be realistic and know its limitations. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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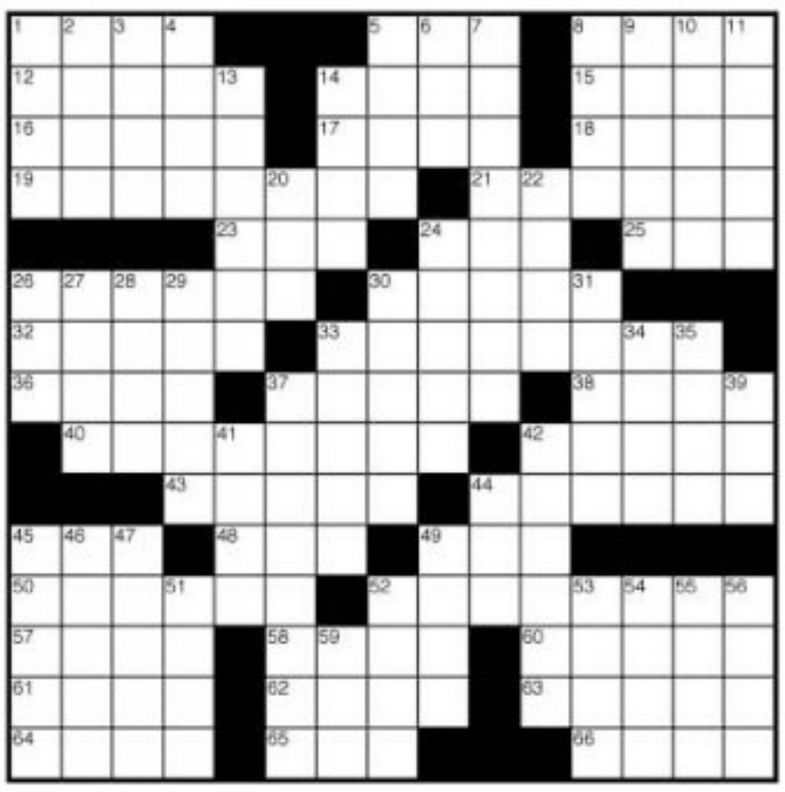

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Farewell

Moss retiring

Randy Moss is calling it a career after 13 NFL seasons, according to his agent.

The 34-year-old leaves as one of the most prolific wide receivers to ever play. He's second all-time in touchdowns (153), fifth in yards (14,858) and eighth in receptions (954).

His agent, Joel Segal, said Moss had received several offers in free agency, but thought it was better to step away.

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Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI
THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

BIRDS FLEXING FEATHERS FOR SUPER BOWL

The Eagles were full of surprises in the frantic first days after the lockout, but nothing was a bigger shock than the fact that they kept their word. For once, they actually backed up their bold statements with even bolder actions.

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In the weeks leading up to the new NFL deal, owner Jeff Lurie, president Joe Banner and coach Andy Reid all crowed about the dynamic plan they were ready to implement. At the time, those statements were laughable. The Eagles have been making promises for years — promises that faded the moment they had to sign a check.

This time, they signed huge checks and bought some much-needed credibility. Paying Nnamdi Asomugha $60 million over five years when they already had two top-tier cornerbacks was puzzling on one level, but dazzling on another. Signing Cullen Jenkins for $25 million over five years was amazing.

And they didn't stop there. The trade of Kevin Kolb for Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and a second-round pick was an absolute steal. The signing of Jason Babin was a rare acknowledgement of failure, when he was a bust here two years ago. And the addition of Vince Young was, if nothing else, audacious.

What these moves said to Eagles fans who have been waiting a half-century for a title is that the ownership is finally in-sync with them. The Eagles want a parade badly and they're finally willing to pay full price for it.

The fascinating question is: Why? What happened during those 135 days of the lockout that changed the perspective of the Eagles? Why, after 17 years of placing profits above championships, did Lurie and Banner decide to open their vaults and spend?

I asked Banner that question directly when he appeared on my WIP radio show yesterday, and — as usual — he resorted to double-speak. While acknowledging that the past few days represent the most aggressive plan ever implemented by the team under Lurie's ownership, Banner said they were trying really hard those other years, too.

Quoted

The Eagles want a parade badly and they're finally willing to pay full price for it.

Banner recoiled when I suggested that the Eagles have finally succumbed to the pressure of having another team in their city steal the spotlight, but he can't deny that reality. The Phillies have not just been a better franchise than the Eagles for the last five years, they have been a far more appealing one. The Phils have become a giant in their sport, as they proved once again with their trade for Hunter Pence.

Regardless of the motivation, the Eagles deserve our praise and support for two reasons. First, for keeping their promise by executing an aggressive plan to build a winner. And second, for using every resource to deliver the ultimate prize to a city that has waited too long.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is host of 610 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

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▶ Jenkins was a steal at $25 million for five years.

Clueless Wade still helping Phillies

There are so many people to thank after the latest coup by GM Ruben Amaro, Jr. So let's rush past president Dave Montgomery and the owners, Amaro and his front-office staff and even the fans. Thanks, but we have no time to praise you today.

The real hero of the Hunter Pence trade is an old and familiar face — a GM who did his best work the moment he left town. Of course, I'm speaking of Ed Wade, a man so clueless that he keeps sending us his best player — and then throwing in a bundle of extra cash.

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▶ Wade

First, he gift-wrapped closer Brad Lidge for Michael Bourn, Geoff Geary and Mike Costanzo. Last year, he donated ace Roy Oswalt for J.A. Happ, Anthony Gose and Jonathan Villar. Now it's Pence for Jonathan Singleton, Jarred Cosart and Josh Zeid. That's three all-stars for a light-hitting outfielder who was just traded to Atlanta, a mediocre pitcher and a lot of unanswered prayers.

Because he's a nice guy, Wade threw in $1 million in the Pence deal to keep the Phils under the luxury-tax threshold. Last year, he kicked in $11 million to make the Oswalt deal work. So add $12 million to the three stud players, and you've got some idea of just how one-sided this relationship has become.

Thank you, Ed Wade. You truly are a man of your word. You always said you'd build a winner in Philadelphia.

Wanted: New joke writers

In the four years he was here, Kevin Kolb showed a far greater talent for collecting money than for telling jokes. After all, he was paid over $11 million last season and held the starting quarterback job for less than 30 minutes.

But Kolb conducted himself with dignity and class here, so the consensus before his trade to Arizona was that he deserved a chance to start in 2011. Now, after what he said at his first news conference as a Cardinal, we should all hope he wilts in the heat and fades in the football obscurity of Phoenix.

The trouble began last Friday as he sat before an army of wide-eyed reporters and offered his first impression of Arizona, a glowing tribute to its cleanliness. Fine. There's nothing wrong with a little butt-kissing to win over new fans. But then he had to take a shot. He couldn't help himself.

"Granted," he added, "I was coming from Philadelphia."

Wow. If Kolb is really appalled by our grime, maybe he should give back the millions in dirty money he made while failing here. Maybe he should recognize that he's filthy rich because the Eagles not only gave him millions for nothing, but then sent him to a team dumb enough to guarantee him $20 million more.

Maybe he can use some of that money on a joke writer next time.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 History repeating at Eagles camp. Is it just me, or does this holdout by DeSean Jackson seem similar to the Terrell Owens drama of six years ago? Drew Rosenhaus is the agent, a diva wide receiver is the client and salary injustice is the theme. Any day now, Jackson should be doing sit-ups in his driveway.

2 Oh, how the mighty have fallen. Donovan McNabb was traded to Minnesota for two sixth-round draft picks. Chad Ochocinco was dealt to New England for a fifth and a sixth. In other words, an aging, loudmouth wide receiver now has more value in the NFL than our former franchise quarterback. Ouch.

3 No more excuses, Chuck. Now that Charlie Manuel has the big, right-handed hitter he's been begging for, is it too much to ask that he use his roster more intelligently? The decision to reward Bruce Bochy for his All-Star Game abuses by not pitching Roy Halladay and Cliff Lee against him was just plain stupid.

Samuel happy to be home, kind of

Eagles cornerback reports to camp, seems excited by new talent But ready to bolt if he's 'not appreciated'

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Samuel put the chances he's traded at "50-50."

Home is what Asante Samuel called the Eagles.

"I'm home," he said. "Ready to go to work."

But if it's not a happy home, then the Pro Bowl cornerback is ready to take his talents elsewhere. With Nnamdi Asomugha and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie now in the nest, there's talk of the Eagles trading Samuel and his huge contract.

"I want to be where I'm wanted," Samuel told reporters yesterday. "If I'm not wanted here, if I'm not appreciated here, then life goes on. I move on. If they're tired of me making big plays over here, we'll see what happens."

Samuel attended his first practice at Lehigh yesterday after being excused the first few days for personal reasons. He seemed in good spirits and met with Eagles GM Howie Roseman and coach Andy Reid to discuss the rumors. Samuel, who has 42 interceptions in eight seasons, has not asked for a trade, and he believes the trio could be special.

"More talent is always the best, so we'll see how it goes," Samuel said.

Defensive coordinator Juan Castillo likes the depth in his new secondary and hinted at using Asomugha like the Packers used Charles Woodson.

"We have three starters. We need three starters," Castillo said. "That's a great deal." METRO/MG

Camp bodies

A couple side notes:

- **DE Jason Babin** took some heat yesterday for tweeting, "I feel like we are the Miami Heat of the NFL."
- **Meanwhile, president Joe Banner** told a website that the "Dream Team" T-shirts are being printed now.

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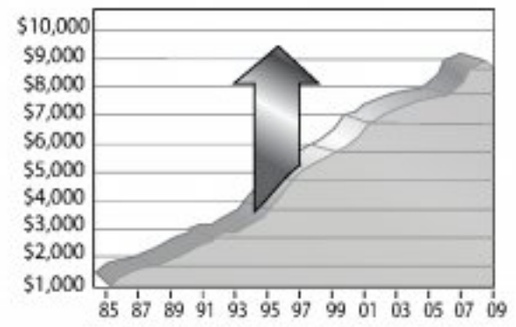

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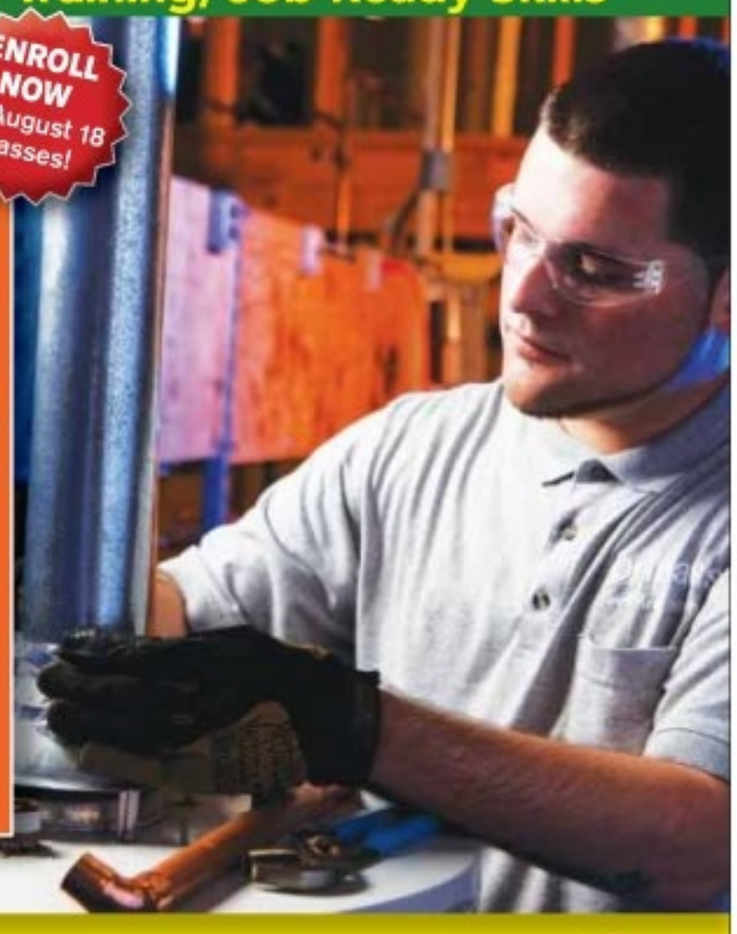

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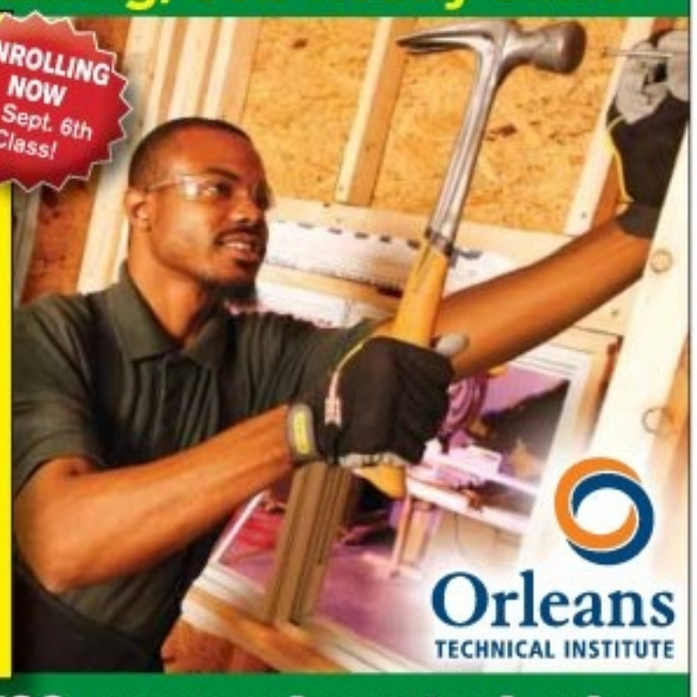

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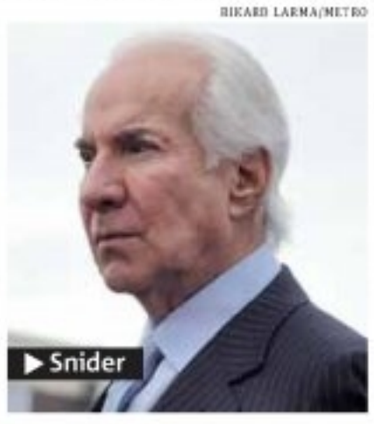
Flyers owner elected to US Hockey Hall of Fame

Snider joins Chelios, Emrick, Suter, Tkachuk in 2011 class Ceremony slated for this fall in Chicago Youth Hockey Foundation big reason why

Ed Snider is well-known around these parts for helping promote the game of hockey. Now, he's getting his due on a national level.

The Flyers owner is being inducted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame at a time and date to be announced. Snider will be enshrined with Chris Chelios, Mike Emrick, Gary Suter and Keith Tkachuk in Chicago this fall.

"It's an extraordinary class," said Ron DeGregorio, president of USA Hockey. "The varied contributions to the landscape of hockey in our country is truly amazing and, collectively, this class has positively impacted every level of hockey."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Snider

Snider put the expansion Flyers on the hockey map in 1966. In 2005, he founded the Ed Snider Youth Hockey Foundation, which has rescued five inner-city skating rinks in the Philadelphia area. The 78-year-old was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1988. METRO

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Velvet ropes abound at Miami nightclubs. Our favorites? South Beach's Skybar at Shore Club features a Moroccan-themed garden, private cabanas and a rum bar by the pool. Or, party into the small hours with Miami's most gorgeous at the palm-fringed rooftop pool bar, Plunge, at the Gansevoort Hotel.
www.gansevoorthotelgroup.com, www.shoreclub.com

Try these eats

Expect to splurge! Two notable spots: Ola — a Nuevo Latino restaurant known for creative ceviches and mouth-watering fish tacos — and, for the best Cuban restaurant on Ocean Drive, stop by Larios on the Beach.

Making the most of Miami

Miami: A spot where white sand beaches, palm trees, world-class architecture, decadent pool parties and a famed nightclub scene all converge How to take in all the sunny decadence, South Beach-style

Visit the Design District
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www.miamidesigndistrict.net

Cruise along South Beach
Also referred to as "The Art Deco District," this is prime Miami territory for people-watching. Sit at one of the numerous restaurants and bars on Ocean Drive and enjoy the show along with beach views. For more serious insight into the history of the colorful architecture, join a daily tour organized by the Art Deco District Welcome Center.
www.visitsouthbeachonline.com

Watch the sun go down
There are plenty of fabulous bars for a sunset cocktail on South Beach, from the new W Hotel to popular classics like the Delano. But for a great sunset, you'll need to be on the west side of the strip. Hit the Mondrian, where you can watch the sunset over mainland Miami from the glamorous "indoor-outdoor" Sunset Lounge, designed by famed designer Marcel Wanders.
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